Sindh-wide celebrations planned to mark ZAB's 98th birth anniversary

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh has announced province-wide celebrations to mark the 98th birth anniversary of its founder and the country's former prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, on January 5, with events planned in all district headquarters.

In a statement, PPP Sindh President Nisar Khuhro said that district-level party organisations have been directed to arrange commemorative programmes in their respective areas. He said the events would include cake-cutting ceremonies and tributes to Bhutto's political legacy and services to the country.

"Democracy in Pakistan owed much to the sacrifices of the Bhutto family," he said. "The PPP would continue to play its role for the supremacy of the Constitution, parliament and the continuity of democratic governance. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was the one who made Pakistan a nuclear power and he strengthened the country's defence by advancing missile technology."

Mr Khuhro said the people of Pakistan and the armed forces were fully capable of responding to any hostile designs against the country.

On provincial issues, the PPP leader categorically rejected the idea of creating new provinces, particularly in Sindh. He said no new province was being formed, nor would any be created in Sindh, terming such discussions as political point-scoring and baseless speculation. He reiterated that the PPP would not allow any harm to Sindh's unity.

He said the party had previously resisted controversial canal projects and would continue to protect Sindh's rights at every forum. He stressed that the PPP would not allow any rollback of the 18th Constitutional Amendment or any reduction in the province's share under the National Finance Commission (NFC) Award.

He also criticised proposals to penalise provinces for the Federal Board of Revenue's performance, saying that any shortfall in tax collection could not be compensated by cutting the provinces' NFC shares.

Benazir Nursing College gets new principal

LARKANA: Associate Prof Nazeer Ali Buriro has been given the additional charge of Principal, Benazir College of Nursing, according to a notification.

He supersedes Associate Prof Dr Ghulam Abbas Panhwar, who has been asked to continue with his duties as the associate professor at the college.—Correspondent

Millers, chakki owners agree to buy wheat from food dept at higher price

Say flour rate for end users will go up; question quality of older stocks

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: The roller flour mills and chakki owners in the province have agreed to lift wheat from food department's godowns, though reluctantly, at a higher price.

They have been persuaded by the Sindh government to review their decision now when the issue price has been revised downward.

The food department has decided to issue wheat stocks at the rate of Rs8,000 per a 100kg bag. Earlier, the rate was fixed at Rs9,500 which the roller flour mills and chakki owners had had not accepted arguing that the commodity was available at a lesser price, and also of a better quality, in the open market.

The food department curtailed the rate with the aim of disposing of its old stocks ahead of the arrival of fresh crop.

Former food secretary Bachal Rahpoto, who relinquished his charge only on a few days ago, told *Dawn* that around 1.265 million tonnes of wheat was available with department in its godowns.

This wheat includes the stocks procured last in 2024-25 and a couple of years before the season.

Millers' grievance

In Karachi, flour millers are said to have been asked to first collect wheat from Pipri godown which, according to All Pakistan Flour Mills Association's South Zone President Junaid Aziz, is controlled by the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TPC), thus a rented place for the food department.

"But things are difficult for us right now," he told *Dawn* over phone. "Vehicles are not allowed to enter the godown after a certain time. How could wheat be lifted under this restriction?" he said, and added that millers have already deposited their challans (payment slips) with the department.

Reservation addressed

The millers agreed, though reluctantly, to lift wheat from food department godowns after their reservation over procurement by traders was addressed.

Millers like Mr Aziz were comfortable in procuring wheat from the open market, but when the food department got approval for a revision of wheat issue price, the millers reconsidered their decision as well.

Quality of wheat

There have been serious concerns over the quality of wheat stocked by the department in the last few years. The department did not procure wheat in 2025-26 season after the last procurement of 2024-25. Therefore, both flour millers and chakki owners were not sure about the quality of the stocked wheat. Rather, they were apprehensive about the quality.

"We need a certain quantity of wheat, lying with us, for blending purpose because we know food department's stocks are older and there can be issues with their quality," Mr Aziz said.

He added that open market has invariably been offering wheat for Rs9,600-Rs9,700 per 100kg bag, including transportation and labour charges so far, and that's why millers remained complacent about procuring wheat from there to avoid any hassle.

Chakki owners' issue

A Hyderabad-based chakki owner told *Dawn* that some chakki owners were issued challans by the district food controllers for lifting of wheat at Rs8,000 per 100kg bag. "But the Chakki Owners' Welfare Association is reluctant to buy it from there because of the illegal gratification involved. Rs1,000 per bag is charged by some officials and Rs300 per bag by the godown incharge," he alleged.

"Due to this practice, the per kg flour price will definitely rise," he added.

Currently, one kilo of chakki flour is selling at Rs120 to Rs130.

Yasir Malik, who owns multiple flour mills in lower Sindh, also said that while the issue price is Rs8,000 per 100kg, the miscellaneous expenditure would certainly increase the cost.

HYDERABAD: Labourers remove sand and silt from the boundary wall of Kotri Barrage on Thursday. The work for the annual cleaning of canals across Sindh is currently underway.—Dawn

Six shops burgled

LARKANA: Six shops were burgled in the city's main trade centre, Jiles Bazaar, on the New Year's Eve.

Officials at the Market police station said that the burglars took away over Rs2.5 million along with the CCTV camera and DVR system from one shop.

The gadgets were found thrown into the overhead water tank.

They said they jumped into the shops by creating wide holes in the ceilings from the rooftop of the market and an under construction house with the help of hammers and other tools.

They collected the cash from two grocery stores, two confectionery outlets, one seed shop and one soap store.

The affected shops belonged to Ashraf Ghulam Haider Shaikh, Haji Mohammad Parail Shaikh, Zulfiqar Ali Shaikh, Irshad Ahmed Shaikh, Ahmed Ali Shaikh and Mohammed Aamir.

A hunt for the culprits was underway, the police said.— Correspondent

Karachi's deadly roads and the limits of enforcement

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road fatalities are rooted in structural flaws from car-centric planning and fragmented transport governance to unsafe infrastructure for pedestrians and motorcyclists.

Without a comprehensive mobility reform plan that prioritises public transport, road design standards, and institutional coordination, experts warn that recent improvements risk remaining temporary rather than transformative. Urban planning and population dynamics, they believe, play a crucial role in shaping Karachi's traffic patterns and road safety challenges, which is a perspective that highlights why enforcement alone cannot resolve the city's mobility crisis.

"Karachi has experienced sprawl and population growth in a complex manner," says academic, researcher and urban planner Dr Noman Ahmed, who also serves as the Pro-Vice Chancellor of NED University of Engineering and Technology.

"The magnets of employment and enterprise show a pattern of corresponding residential developments around them. For example, the fruits and vegetable market is a source of daily-wage employment for hundreds of unskilled and semi-skilled labourers. One finds informal housing hubs evolving around it.

"Similar patterns are also observed around truck and bus stands, transit terminals and extension of existing informal settlements in the west and south of the city. This population requires internal streets, neighbourhood roads and arterial roads to enable proper connectivity. As a consequence, existing roads are intensively used."

He emphasises that commuting choices, rapid motorbike adoption, and risky driving behaviours compounded by poor infrastructure are driving Karachi's rising road accident rates, which require targeted interventions and systemic reforms.

"The commuting choices impact the traffic management and road safety concerns," he says. "A rapid growth in motorbikes is an example. With very limited options of public transport, a sizable number of teenagers and working men — and now women too — are adopting motorbikes as an option. With limited training, inadequate safety arrangements on roads, and poor quality of road infrastructure, road traffic accidents are on a dangerous rise."

Can stricter enforcement alone reverse Karachi's deadly road safety trend? Traffic authorities believe it can, at least to a certain extent, arguing that deterrence remains the most immediate tool available to curb reckless driving and restore discipline on the city's roads.

DIG Traffic Peer Muhammad Shah maintains that the introduction of the e-challan system, enhanced surveillance and stricter enforcement has begun to deliver measurable results.

"Change is impossible without deterrence," he says, adding that traffic disorder and undisciplined driving habits have become deeply embedded over the years.

According to DIG Shah, before the introduction of digital enforcement mechanisms, Karachi recorded an average of three road accident deaths per day. "With the e-challan system in place, this figure has dropped to two fatalities per day," he says, calling it an "encouraging" sign.

He acknowledges that heavy vehicles, particularly dumpers and water tankers, continue to pose serious challenges. To address this, traffic police are establishing four new fitness centres in Karachi where the fitness and licensing of dumpers will be checked on a priority basis.

"No dumper will be allowed on the roads without an approved tracking system," he adds.

Need to address deeper structural problems

While traffic police credit enforcement with reducing fatalities, urban planners caution that such gains may prove short-lived unless deeper structural problems are addressed.

According to experts, fines and surveillance can correct behaviour, but they cannot compensate for flawed road design, inadequate public transport and unsafe infrastructure.

"Karachi's roads were designed to accommodate usual vehicle loads based on earlier land-use patterns," says Dr Ahmed. "Over time, the origins and destinations of traffic have changed, but the roads have not evolved accordingly."

He points to the University Road as a prominent example, where the construction of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Red Line project has reduced available road space despite the artery serving numerous educational institutions and rapidly densifying neighbourhoods.

"While the BRT will carry a limited number of passengers along its corridor, the reduction of vehicular lanes will act as a perpetual bottleneck, especially during peak hours," he says.

Beyond capacity issues, Dr Ahmed highlights basic design failures that continue to expose road users to danger, including the absence of road markings, encroached or missing footpaths, lack of directional signage, inadequate street lighting and deteriorating pedestrian bridges. These deficiencies, he says, disproportionately affect pedestrians and motorcyclists who are the most vulnerable groups on Karachi's roads.

Dearth of public transport

Experts also link the rising accident toll to the city's chronic public transport deficit. With few reliable and affordable op tions available, residents increasingly rely on motorcycles and private cars, a trend that urban planners describe as fundamentally unsustainable.

"The exponential rise in motorbikes and motor cars cannot be controlled through enforcement alone," Dr Ahmed says. "Only cheap, accessible and reliable public transport can reverse this trajectory."

He argues that shifting more than two-thirds of work-related trips to public transport would significantly reduce congestion, optimise road space and lower accident risks. This, he believes, requires a fleet of 100- and 70-seater buses connecting major neighbourhoods and acting as feeders to BRT corridors, supported by safe footpaths, pedestrian crossings and a unified fare system such as a single transport card.

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Ref. SICVD/TN/SC/No.011 & 016-018/25-26

TENDER NOTICE NO: 011 & 016-018/2025-26

Sealed tenders addressed to Executive Director, SICVD, Karachi are invited under Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) rules, 2010 (amended 2019) from well-reputed Firms/Companies having registration with Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments for following jobs on FOR basis **(free delivery at our site or any of SICVD Network Hospitals in Sindh)** under SPPRA rule (46)(2,a), single stage-two envelopes (Technical and Financial) bidding procedure.

S No.	Description	For SICVD Network Hospitals Under Frame Work Contract Basis	Tender No.	List of Quantity & Specifications are available in Tender Documents	Last Date of Submission of Bids	Opening Date of Technical Bids
01	Purchase of Bio Medical Equipment Syringe Pump		016/2025-26		19-01-2026 Monday at 10:00 a.m.	19-01-2026 Monday at 10:30 a.m.
02	Purchase of Bio Medical Equipment Patient Monitor Invasive-II		017/2025-26		19-01-2026 Monday at 10:30 a.m.	19-01-2026 Monday at 11:00 a.m.
03	Purchase of Bio Medical Equipment Patient Monitor Non-Invasive		018/2025-26		19-01-2026 Monday at 11:00 a.m.	19-01-2026 Monday at 11:30 a.m.
04	Purchase of Drugs & Medicines		011/2025-26		20-01-2026 Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.	20-01-2026 Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Tender Fees	Rs.2,000/- per tender (Rupees Two Thousand only) Non-Refundable in the shape of Pay Order in favor of institution **"SINDH INSTITUTE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES"**, Karachi.
Bid Security & Validity	Mentioned in the Bidding Documents
Submission & Opening of Bids	Manager Procurement Office, SICVD, Karachi

Tender documents containing prescribed Proformas, detailed specifications/list of items and terms and conditions can be obtained from Accounts Department **(Tel. No-021-9922-5881-90 against request letter of bidder)** S.I.C.V.D., Karachi between 09:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. in shape of Pay Order of Rs. 2,000/- for each tender on any working day after tender publication. The same can be downloaded from SPPRA website.

The complete tendering process shall be carried out through e-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System (EPADS). Supplier would be required to submit their bids through EPADS only by closing date of submission. Interested bidders are required to register themselves on the e-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System (EPADS) at the link **http://sindh.eprocure.gov.pk/#supplier/registration** for submission of electronic bids.

Tender fee and bid security (as specified) shall be drawn in favor of **"SINDH INSTITUTE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES,"** Karachi, and uploaded via EPADS. Bids will be accepted only through EPADS; however, sealed hard copies with tender fee and bid security may also be submitted physically on the specified date and time. Late submissions or those without the required fee and security will be rejected.

Technical Bids will be opened by the procurement committee on the opening date and time at the given address in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives. Financial proposals of technically qualified bids shall be opened publicly at a date, time and venue announced and communicated to the bidders in advance. In case of holiday, the tender shall be opened / received on the next working day at the same place and time.

SICVD-Karachi reserves the right to reject any or all the bids or cancel the bidding process subject to relevant provisions of SPPRA Rules 2010 (amended up to date).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BEFORE:- MR. ABDUL RAZZAQ (JUDGE)
IN THE BANKING COURT NO.II, AT KARACHI
Block No.50,Pakistan Secretariat, Near Passport Office, Saddar ,Karachi
SUIT NO. 240 OF 2025.

HABIB BANK LIMITED With Registered Offices at Habib Bank Tower. Jinnah Avenue Blue area Islamabad and having Place of Business at HBL. Tower. Teen Talwar. Clifton and one of its Branch known as Shahrah-e-Jahangir Branch, Karachi.....**Plaintiff**

VERSUS

1.M/S TOYZ CITY THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR Shop No. 36. 2nd Floor, R.J Shopping Mall. Rashid Minhas Road. Gulshan-e-Iqbal. Karachi. **2nd ADDRESS:** Shop No. A/7. Iqbal Market, Block.G. North Nazimaibad. Near Askari Bank. Karachi. **2. Umer Zahid S/o Zahid Hussain (Proprietor)** CNIC No 42101-7623198-5 House No. B-36 Block-H, North Nazimabad. Karachi. **2nd ADDRESS:** Flat No. 14, 4th Floor. Al-Rehman Arcade. Block-H. North Nazimabad. Karachi.....**DEFENDANT**

To,

The Above named Defendant.

Whereas the Plaintiff abovenamed has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of finances) Ordinance XLVI of 2001. You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to **RS 817,313.89 ALONG WITH COSTS OF SUIT AND COST OF FUNDS** . Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court in the form of written statement showing that there is a defense to the suit on merits or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.

The matter is fixed on **03rd day of February 2026 at 09:00 AM** before the Banking Court-II, Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 26 Day of DECEMBER 2025.

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT NO. II KARACHI

BEFORE:- MRS. NAUSHABA KAZI JUDGE
IN THE BANKING COURT NO.III, AT KARACHI
BLOCK NO.50 PAKISTAN SECRETARIAT NEAR PASSPORT OFFICE, SADDAR, KARACHI
SUIT NO. 250 OF 2025

M/S UNITED BANK LIMTED,
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 13TH FLOOR UBL BUILDING JINNAH AVENUE BLUE AREA, ISLAMABAD AND HEAD OFFICE AT 11TH FLOOR STATE LIFE BUILDING NO.1, I. I. CHANDRIGAR RAOD KARACHI.....**PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

MUHAMMAD MUJAHID S/O MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM, ADULT, R/O HOUSE NO.7/2, SAABI TOWN, MODEL COLONY MALIR NEAR FARYAL PUBLIC SCHOOL KARACHI, ADDRESS AS PER CNIC 1. HOUSE NO. L-184, GULISTAN-E.MALIR, GOTH JUMA, MALIR KARACHI.TOUHEED COMMERCIAL, DHA KARACHI 2. DAK KHANA KHAAS, KOT PATHAN, TEHSIL KHANPUR, DISTRICT RAHIM YAAR KAHN EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX HOUSE NO 534, DOHS. MALIR CANTT, Karachi.....**DEFENDANTS**

To, The Abovenamed Defendants

Whereas the Plaintiff abovenamed has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS. 322,965.58** UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001. Balance of principle and markup due to you: you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within **30 days** from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such **30 days** to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS. 322,965.58** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit.

Matter is fixed on 03 day of February, 2026 at 9:00 A.M before the Banking Court-III, Karachi. Given under my hand and seal of the court this 24th Day of December 2025.

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT III KARACHI

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2nd Jan, 1941 - 1st Mar, 2025

Mom, you took us along
into your subtle selfless world
and while you couldn't
walk-you never let us fall and
now that you're gone,
we're so lost without you.

You were the best friend
we've ever had, Mom.

Happy Birthday Mom

Ali, Maheen, Seema,
Tasneem & Riffat

Request for Surah-e-Fateha for
Meher Ali Asghar Allibhoy